

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/552,492

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4 and 5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/7/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7 are pending. **Claims 3, 6, and 7** are canceled and **Claim 4** is amended via Examiner's Amendment, *infra*. **Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5** are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 7, 2005 was correctly filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the IDS was considered by the Examiner. Please refer to Applicant's copy of PTO-1449, submitted herewith.

Examiner's Amendment

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Soma Simon on February 27, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3: Cancel.

Claim 4: Replace entire text with the following text:

“4. A method of treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder comprising administering an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof.”

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Claim 5: After the words, "pharmaceutical formulation comprising", delete the words, "an active", and insert, "a compound".

Claim 6: Cancel.

Claim 7: Cancel.

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant's invention is drawn to compounds, pharmaceutical formulations, and a method of treatment using compounds of Formula (I), depicted in **Claim 1**. There is no prior art which anticipates or renders Applicant's instantly claimed compounds and compositions obvious.

The closest prior art is U.S. Patent No. 6,060,473, issued May 9, 2000. The '473 patent discloses compounds and compositions which contain an azabicycloheptane core and are capable of inhibiting cholinergic activity. Despite the similar core and use, the compounds disclosed in the '473 Patent do not meet each limitation of the instant compounds. Most notably, the instant compounds teach two azabicycloheptane-cored compounds with a specificity for M3 muscarinic acetylcholine receptor antagonism.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Barker whose telephone number is (571) 272-4341. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K.

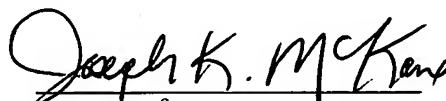
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McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The unofficial fax phone for this group are (571) 273-8300.

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